



Sermon Outline

Love:

1. Displays a changed heart

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

1 John 3:14

2. Drives me to action

¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18

3. Causes me to live differently

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Opening Thought

We often think that laying down our lives means that we have to die. What if laying down our own lives could also mean simply choosing what is better for someone else over what is most comfortable for us? We must love others by being willing to lay down our comforts, our security, and even our own lives for them—just like Jesus.

Ice breakers

- Do you like to be the center of attention? Why or why not?
- What reputation have you earned because you stood out? Was it accurate?

Dig Deeper

- What stuck out to you from today's message?
- Read John 13:31-35. Does this passage represent what you are known for?
- Read 1 John 3:16 and John 17:20-23. Do you think that the church represents this well? Does this represent what the church is known for? If not, What should the church do to live this out in a better way?
- In what way have you put yourself aside for those around you?

Closing

Reflect on the state of your heart this week. Does your life display a changed heart? Has love driven you to action with the people around you? Are you willing to lay down your comfort and security to the benefit of others the way Christ has done for us?